News and Events

Forum Addresses First-year Student Success
All GSU faculty and staff are invited to “The Essentials of First-Year Student Success: Planning for 2014,” an informational forum, on Friday, October 19. Two nationally known experts from the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, Betsy Barefoot and John Gardner, will speak at the event.

The campus-wide discussion regarding planning for GSU’s first freshman class in 2014 began with last March’s forum featuring Carol Geary Schneider. The October 19 event will continue that conversation.

Like the March forum, the October 19 event takes place on the Center for Performing Arts Stage. It begins at 9 a.m. with a continental breakfast. Lunch will also be served and the day’s activities should be finished by 4:30 p.m.

RSVPs are required for this event. To RSVP, contact Joan Johns Maloney at 708.534.4131.

Student Sustainability Summit Comes to GSU Friday
Students from across the Chicago Southland will share their ideas on how to best serve the environment at the 2012 Student Sustainability Summit, taking place Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at GSU.

The summit is sponsored by the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC). But every aspect of the conference is student generated, said SMHEC Executive Director Genny Boesen. “The Student Summit evolved out of a request from the students at the 2011 Sustainability Summit to have an event of their own,” Boesen said. “So this event is student requested, student planned, and student led.”

Friday’s events begin with a welcome from President Elaine P. Maimon, followed by a sustainable lunch. Speakers, a panel discussion, and breakout sessions will all address sustainability issues. Boesen said she expects that a significant contingent of Illinois State University students will also attend the summit.

Erin Fletcher, the student member on GSU’s Board of Trustees, will take part in a panel discussion on How to Start Sustainability Efforts on Your Campus.

Two GSU students will lead breakout sessions. Jamie Viebach will address Sustainability at Home: 50 Shades of Green, and Lydia Quinones will discuss Is Your Table Sustainable?

SMHEC is made up of 12 colleges and universities in the Southland. Students from all the
SMHEC member institutions are expected to take part in the summit. SMHEC will also host an October 5 Sustainability Conference at Lewis University.

**Interdisciplinary Leadership Ed.D. Information Sessions**
The College of Education is hosting three information sessions on GSU’s innovative Doctorate in Interdisciplinary Leadership. Sessions are taking place on two consecutive Fridays, September 28 and October 5, at 6 p.m., and Saturday, September 29, at 10 a.m. The two-hour sessions are being held in the COE Conference Room, G261. Sessions include registration and light refreshments, a curriculum overview, a description of GSU services and support, and questions and answers.

Classes in the Interdisciplinary Leadership Ed.D. program begin in Spring, 2013 for doctoral students aspiring to leadership positions in four areas of concentration: school superintendent in preschool to 12th grade; higher education administration; not-for-profit leadership; and public safety leadership.

The Ed.D. in Interdisciplinary Leadership is unique in Illinois. The doctoral program, which offers a mix of online and on-campus courses, was designed by faculty, administration, and staff from GSU’s four Colleges: Education, Arts and Sciences, Health and Human Services, and Business and Public Administration. It will be taught by faculty representing a wide range of academic disciplines at the university.

For further information, contact program coordinator Dr. James “Chip” Coldren at 708.534.4390 or senior advisor Carla Johnson at 708.235.3989.

**CPA Hosts Lyric Opera Preview Sunday**
For the third consecutive year, Governors State University Center for Performing Arts begins its popular “Opera Up Close” series with a celebrated quartet of singers from the Lyric Opera of Chicago. The Lyric Opera Preview returns to the CPA stage for one performance only on Sunday, September 30, at 4 p.m.


Host and narrator John Concepcion will again provide insight into each opera and its highlights, taking the audience on a musical journey across the world and through the ages.

“Opera Up Close” offers an unique musical experience for audience members. Instead of experiencing the music from the perspective of the auditorium, patrons at “Opera Up Close” are seated onstage for an unforgettable vantage point as superb artists perform some of the world’s most beautiful music. Refreshments, including delicious Viennese-style desserts, are also available during the show.

Tickets for the Lyric Opera Preview are $35. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU
Center box office at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) or 708.235.2222. The box office is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and two hours prior to performances.

**Fire and Iron Bring Spectacular Results to NMSP**

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP) at Governors State University is hosting a full day of exciting activities at its inaugural Iron Pour Jamboree, a family event from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 6.

The Iron Pour Jamboree is a unique opportunity to see how metal sculptures are created, to produce your own art, and to witness spectacular results when fire and iron come together.

From 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., participants can join artists and students as they create sculptures by using scratch molds, small molds for making simple relief sculptures. Carolyn Ottmers, Chicago-based sculptor and chair of the sculpture area at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), will supervise the melting of 5,000 pounds of iron for pouring into scratch molds, which will be available for purchase.

As darkness falls, NMSP is hosting the Iron Pour Spectacle, a once-in-a-lifetime visual experience. It is free of charge and takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. Boston-based artists Marjee Levine and Dan Kendall will pay homage to the Great Chicago Fire, whose anniversary falls on October 8. Spectators will see Levine and Kendall fire up an iron foundry and then tap it to create orange ribbons of molten iron that will flow across the landscape in wooden troughs, dripping gently onto a large-scale leather map of the City of Chicago.

Tickets for the Iron Pour Jamboree are $25 before October 6 and $35 on the day of the event. Scratch molds cost $20. For more information, to make reservations, or to buy tickets, contact NMSP director and curator Geoffrey Bates at 708.534.4486 or sculpture@govst.edu.

**Master Academic Calendar Now Available in Portal**

The Office of the Provost has produced a calendar of important deadlines in the academic area. It is now posted in the portal and is accessible under the “announcements” section. Timelines for Retention/Promotion/Tenure/PAI processes, Assignment of Duties, Faculty Search processes, and more, are included.

Don’t be late in completing important processes and paperwork – plan to make regular visits to the calendar. Please note that a key to the acronyms used for many of the calendar entries is available at the end of the calendar.

**Student Leadership Institute Taking Applications**

GSU students still have time to apply to participate in the Student Leadership Institute (SLI), a co-curricular certificate program designed for upper-class students looking for leadership development opportunities. Applications for the certificate program will be accepted October 1 through November 1. Interested persons can [apply here](#).
Students must be currently enrolled and in good standing. Participating students will be selected based on information submitted in their application.

For additional information visit [http://www.govst.edu/SLI/](http://www.govst.edu/SLI/).

**Teacher Education Opportunity**
Learn how to earn elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics) teacher certification and secure a teaching position through Governors State University’s Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Thursday, October 2, at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program at GSU offers a way to earn a teaching certificate and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a Masters of Art in Teaching (MAT) in Urban Teacher Education in elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics). TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a $30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Since it began more than 13 years ago, the program had helped more than 300 participants change careers to become some of the most well-trained, supported, and effective educators in the south suburbs and Chicago.

This program is open to college graduates with a bachelor’s degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2013, is November 15.

**Your Opinion Counts**
In an effort to improve new student support, the Academic Resource Center is conducting a brief survey of new undergraduate students about their early experiences at GSU.

The survey will be available through Friday, September 28. As an expression of gratitude, names of survey participants will be entered in a drawing for a $50 gift certificate to the campus Follett Bookstore. Students should check their GSU e-mail for a link to access the survey.

For more information, contact the Academic Resource Center at 708.534.4090.

**Student Receives Argonne Appointment**
Bryan Orr, an undergraduate student in computer science, was awarded a co-op appointment in the division of Advanced Photon Source at Argonne National Laboratory.

As a co-op student, Orr will work part-time during the semester and full-time in the summer. He will be mentored in several areas of software engineering related to operation of the APS accelerator and beamlines. He will be assigned tasks of gradually increasing complexity that involve independent learning, software development, deployment, operations, and reporting results to staff.

Drs. Clare Tang and Soon-Ok Park recommended him for the co-op position.

**Pre-K at GSU**
The Family Development Center has only a few spots open in the half day pre-kindergarten program. Parents of children three to five year-olds are encouraged to contact the FDC. The
prekindergarten program boasts of a low student to teacher ratio and qualified educators following an enriching curriculum in a nurturing environment.

For more information and to register, call 708.235.7300.